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STUDY GROUP TO EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has constituted five working groups and four study groups to formulate strategies for promoting the export of Indian goods and services;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the objectives thereof;

(c) whether these Groups would submit their recommendations to the recently reconstituted board of trade; and

(d) if so, the date by which they have been asked to submit their recommendation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is annexed

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Three working groups and two study groups have already submitted the reports. The others have been asked to submit their reports by 31st December, 2005.

STATEMENT

In the meeting of Board of Trade held on June 17th, 2005, it was decided to set up five working groups and 4 four special study groups on specified areas of Indian exports in order to achieve the desired objective of boosting India`s exports.

Five Working Groups

Group OneWorking Group on `Evaluation of Different Export Promotion Schemes` The Working Group was set up for evaluating the performance and effectiveness of different schemes in meeting the objectives and to study the global best practices in export promotion schemes followed by developed and developing countries; to suggest the best possible way to neutralize the levies on exporters

Group TwoWorking Group on `Trade Facilitation`. This Group was set up to analyze the recommendation of studies already completed and for benchmarking trade facilitation parameters of India with other countries.

Group ThreeWorking Group on `Manufacturing Sector`. This Group was set up to benchmark the manufacturing sector in terms of export competitiveness with other LCCs and to study the constraints faced by the manufacturing sector in India and suggest specific measures to alleviate them.

Group Four-Working Group on `Identifying specific sectors and strategies having comparative advantage`. This Group was set up to define parameters for identifying comparative advantage for specific goods and services sectors

Group FiveWorking Group on `SEZs and EOUs`. This Group was set up to study the constraints faced by the sectors and for benchmarking with other countries and setting of achievable goals.

Four Study Groups

Group OneSectoral study on Textiles
Group Two Sectoral study on Pharmaceuticals

Group Three Sectoral study on Chemicals and allied sectors

Group Four-Impact of RTAs/FTAs on Indian industry/exports